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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 2035

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BELIZE PROBLEM

1. BRITISH CONSUL JOHN WEYMES HAS INFORMED US THAT HE HAD UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED INDUCE FONMIN ARENALES TO AGREE TO MEET SECRETLY WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS DURING SPECIAL UNGA IN NEW YORK. WEYMES SAID WORD HAD BEEN PASSED TO HIM THROUGH FERNANDO SANCHEZ, FONMINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF BELIZE AFFAIRS, THAT ARENALES DECLINED TO MEET WITH BRITISH AT THIS TIME BECAUSE HE WAS CONCERNED THAT AT OASGA IN ATLANTA, CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH STATES, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF RESOLUTION ON COLONIALISM IN HEMISPHERE, WHICH SCHEDULED TO BE DISCUSSED, WOULD MAKE ISSUE OF BELIZE PROBLEM AND FORCE HIM TO MAKE STRONG STATEMENT IN DEFENSE OF GUATEMALA'S RIGHTS. ARENALES SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO BE IN POSITION OF HAVING REINITIATED TALKS WITH BRITISH IF SUCH A SITUATION OCCURRED IN SPECIAL OASGA AND HE PASSED WORD TO WEYMES THAT TIMING OF REINITIATION OF TALKS WOULD BE AFFECTED BY ACTIONS OF COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN MEMBERS OF OAS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY--IF THEY MADE SERIOUS PUBLIC ISSUE OF
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BELIZE QUESTION HE FELT HE COULD NOT BEGIN TALKS

WITH BRITISH IN NEAR FUTURE. WEYMES HAS URGED HIS GOVERNMENT TO ATTEMPT TO INDUCE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN STATES TO LOW-KEY ISSUE AT OASGA IN INTEREST OF GETTING TALKS STARTED IN NEAR FUTURE. (NOTE WEYMES DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH US INFORM LONDON THAT HE HAS TOLD US OF HIS RECOMMENDATION TO HMG*)

2. SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR SPECIAL UNGA, ARENALES TOLD EMBASSY THAT HE HAD NO PLANS TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS DURING HIS STAY IN U.S.
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